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the Attorney General's.... He indicated it wouldn't be that much, so I guess I'd just ask that the bill advance. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska. You've heard the closing. The question is the advancement to E & R Initial of LB 588. All in favor vote aye, opposed no. Record, please.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on the advancement of 588.

SENATOR CROSBY: The bill advances. LB 588A.

CLERK: (LB) 588A, by Senator Vrtiska. (Read title.)

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body. The fiscal note, as in the packet...or in the pink sheet with the bill, there's quite a discrepancy on how this was dealt with. What we're really talking about at this point is the protection in case they have to file in order to force Missouri to determine how, in fact, they take ownership of this land. And in my opinion and the opinion of the Fiscal Office, that would not be...that would be an item that would not cost over \$50,000 to \$60,000. Obviously, if we go into full-fledged court battles it would be much more expensive then. And I know a lot of people will say this is ridiculous, why should we spend that kind of money to provide for the amount of loss. But you have to remember, the loss is not for one year, or five years, or ten years, it's forever. And I guess at this point what we're asking is to provide \$58,000 to \$60,000 for the purpose of filing initial...initial action in order to make Missouri determine how they in fact claim ownership of this land. And so I would ask for the advancement of LB 588A. Thank you.

SENATOR COORDSEN PRESIDING

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska. Senator Wehrbein, did you wish to speak to 588A?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, I do, Mr. Speaker and members of the body. It's a little awkward situation. I've got a bill coming